The word 'justice' is given two different meanings in the text.

What is the distinction between them?

The word justice is usually associated with courts of law.

We might say that justice has been done when a man's innocence or guilt has been proved beyond doubt.

Justice is part of the complex machinery of the law.

Those who seek it undertake an arduous journey and can never be sure that they will find it.

Judges, however wise or eminent, are human and can make mistakes.

There are rare instances when justice almost ceases to be an abstract concept.

Reward or punishment is meted out quite independent of human interference.

At such times, justice acts like a living force.

When we use a phrase like 'it serves him right', we are, in part, admitting that a certain set of circumstances has enabled justice to act of its own accord.

When a thief was caught on the premises of a large jewellery store one morning, the shop assistants must have found it impossible to resist the temptation to say 'it serves him right'.

The shop was an old converted house with many large, disused fireplaces and tall, narrow chimneys.

Towards midday, a girl heard a muffled cry coming from behind one of the walls.

As the cry was repeated several times, she ran to tell the manager, who promptly rang up the fire brigade.

The cry had certainly come from one of the chimneys, but as there were so many of them, the firefighters could not be certain which one it was.

They located the right chimney by tapping at the walls and listening for the man's cries.

After chipping through a wall which was eighteen inches thick, they found that a man had been trapped in the chimney.

As it was extremely narrow, the man was unable to move, but the firefighters were eventually able to free him by cutting a huge hole in the wall.

The sorry-looking, blackened figure that emerged, admitted at once that he had tried to break into the shop during the night but had got stuck in the chimney.

He had been there for nearly ten hours.

Justice had been done even before the man was handed over to the police.

A girl in the jewellery store heard muffled cries coming from behind a wall.

When she heard the cry again, she went and told the manager, who rang the fire brigade.

When they arrived, the firefighters found the right chimney by tapping the walls and listening.

They chipped through a thick wall and found the man who could not move because the chimney was so narrow.

They finally freed him by cutting a large hole in the wall.

There is a large jewellery store in the town that I have often wanted to rob.

A few weeks ago, I started planning the theft and kept a close watch on the shop.

I noticed when people went in and out, when they started and finished work, and so on.

And I noticed the chimneys, too.

One night, I climbed onto the roof of the store and looked for a way in.

One of the chimneys seemed wide enough for me to get in, SO I started climbing down.

Very soon, however, I got stuck and had to climb out again.

I didn't give up.

I looked around, found another chimney that looked quite wide at the top, and climbed down that one.

Again, I got stuck.

This time, however, I was really stuck.

I could climb neither up nor down.

At first, I struggled to try to free myself, but I couldn't get out.

Then I started to get scared and started sweating.

I tried to calm myself by quietly counting and thinking of pleasant things.

But nothing worked and finally I started shouting for help.

Nothing happened, everything was dark and silent, and I got more and more frightened.

I think I went to sleep because I suddenly realized that light was shining down the chimney.

I shouted and shouted.

Eventually, I heard tapping and was finally freed by firefighters who had smashed a hole in the chimney.

He says that he has been very busy.

He wants to know if he can do the job now.

He believes that he has made a mistake.

The moment he has arrived, I'll let you know.

Now that you have finished, you can go home.

In what circumstances may justice take effect outside the courts of law? When justice has been done without the interference of a human agent.

Why did the manager ring up the fire brigade? He expected them to be of most help in the circumstances.

The firefighters ascertained which chimney the man was in by listening for the man's response to their taps on the walls.

No matter how wise or eminent, judges are human and can make mistakes.

The staff must have found it impossible not to be tempted to say 'it serves him right'.

The cry being repeated several times, she ran to tell the manager.

The blackened figure that emerged was a sorry sight.